

HOUSE BILL 2860
By Fowlkes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 43, to provide for the creation and authority of a Tennessee School Safety Center within the state department of education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 43, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately numbered section:

49-6-43___. Tennessee School Safety Center. - The department of education shall establish a Tennessee School Safety Center to develop and evaluate training materials and guidelines on school safety issues, including behavior, discipline and violence prevention. The Tennessee School Safety Center, within the limit of appropriations for such, shall establish grants to local education agencies for the development of innovative violence prevention programs, conflict resolution, disruptive or assaultive behavior management, improved school security, peer mediation, and training for employees on the identification of possible perpetrators of school related violence. The Tennessee School Safety Center shall be responsible for the collection and analysis of data related to school safety including alleged violent or assaultive acts against school employees and students. Analysis of data shall include the number of arrests, the charges and whether civil damages were pursued by the injured party or

school system. The Center shall make periodic reports to the select oversight committee on education on the status of school safety efforts.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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